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In re application of:)
Swee Cheau Chong, et al.))
Serial No: 10/824815))
Filed: April 15, 2004))
For: SAFETY ARTERIOVENUOUS FISTULA NEEDLE)))
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 23, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced application and a Preliminary Amendment. Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the above-identified RCE application.

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